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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Paul Murphy. [7878/24]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [7881/24]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Peadar Kirby. [8793/24]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Darren O'Rourke. [8949/24]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the legislative programme. — Mick Barry. [9342/24]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*6. To ask the Taoiseach further to comments made on 16 January 2024 that the ten districts with the highest proportion of people from Ukraine and international protection applicants would receive a special package of financial supports, if he will name the ten districts, outline what progress has been made on this commitment to provide an additional package of financial support and provide any details regarding the package to which he committed. — Pearse Doherty. [9720/24]

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

*7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if further sanctions were discussed at the most recent EU Foreign Affairs Council Meeting to be applied on Belarus due to its involvement in the war with Ukraine. — Alan Kelly. [9535/24]

*8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the Brazilian Ambassador to Ireland to date in 2024. — Alan Kelly. [9536/24]

*9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 215 of 23 January and 89 of 17 October 2023, if further consular assistance will be given in this matter (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [9595/24]

*10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs to clarify if the European Convention on Human Rights signed in Rome on 4 November 1950, being an international agreement involving a charge upon public funds, was approved by the Dáil prior to the State agreeing to be bound by it, as required under Article 29.5.2 of the Constitution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9655/24]

Chun an Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide: To the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications.

*11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has undertaken an assessment of the impact of emissions trading system 2 on construction manufacturing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [9560/24]

*12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 158 of 13 February 2024, if a ‘run out’ period will apply from 3 July 2024, to allow existing stocks of tethered caps to be used up before transitioning to new caps to avoid wastage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9618/24]

Chun an Tánaiste agus Aire Cosanta: To the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence.

*13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if he will outline the situation regarding the former use of Iarium in the Defence Forces; the status of any court cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9468/24]

*14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence to outline the expenditure in acquiring Orbiter 3 unmanned air systems in 2005; any associated expenditure in years since by year; the purpose of any such expenditure; the state in which any such company is based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9597/24]

*15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Defence if Ireland is obliged to continue procuring services from an Israeli based company in relation to Orbiter 3 unmanned air systems; if so, if there are any contractual provisions in relation to human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9598/24]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*16. To ask the Minister for Transport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9407/24]

*17. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the National Transport Authority to explore the feasibility of constructing a park and ride facility at Kinnegad, where the M6 and M4 meet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9417/24]

*18. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on the opening of Kishogue train station; the target opening date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [9463/24]

*19. To ask the Minister for Transport to indicate the availability of compensation for the cancellation of driving tests; whether same applies in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9466/24]

*20. To ask the Minister for Transport for an update on his plans to develop a greenway connecting Athenry to Milltown, in light of his investment of €375,000 to date in feasibility and design studies, both of which concluded that the most appropriate location for such a greenway is the disused rail line connecting the towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [9489/24]

*21. To ask the Minister for Transport his proposals to increase the number of operating taxis, particularly in rural and regional communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9493/24]

*22. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that was provided for cycling facilities in County Tipperary in 2023 and the expected funding for same in 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9530/24]

*23. To ask the Minister for Transport if any consideration has been given to extending the low emissions vehicle toll incentive since it ceased at the end of December to continue to incentivise the transition to EVs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9545/24]

*24. To ask the Minister for Transport if any consideration has been given to bringing the Luas under the direct management of Iarnród Éireann rather than tendering for a new private operator ahead of the expiration of the current contract in November 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [9643/24]

*25. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of incidents recorded by all agencies at certain intersections (details supplied) by type of incident, time of day and month, in tabular form, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date. — Sean Sherlock. [9645/24]

*26. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason why there are regularly no catering services on the Tralee to Dublin line, in light of the fact it is the longest train journey in the State. — Pa Daly. [9711/24]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*27. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to reviewing the decision to end the motor fuel subsidy at the end of March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9444/24]

*28. To ask the Minister for Finance the total value of funds invested in prize bonds in each year from 2014 to date; the total value of prizes won in the same period; the total value of prizes won from 2014 to date expressed as a percentage of the total funds invested in prize bonds; how this percentage compares to interest rates on savings during the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9464/24]

*29. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of abolishing stamp duty on first time buyers of homes of less than €385,000. — Alan Kelly. [9532/24]

*30. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue that would be generated if the late registration fee of 0.1% was increased to 0.45% for each day over 30 days for which vehicles remain unregistered for VRT based on 2023 figures. — Alan Kelly. [9533/24]

*31. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm if the internal review process within the office of the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman relates to decisions made by the Ombudsman or to the service levels provided by the Ombudsman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9585/24]

*32. To ask the Minister for Finance if he believes the Revenue Commissioners should accept some liability for the litany of bogus self-employment cases at RTÉ, given the knowledge of the prolonged practice by the Revenue Commissioners; if the Revenue Commissioners' role in handling the issue of bogus self-employment will be independently investigated, given the apparent scale and complexity of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9671/24]

*33. To ask the Minister for Finance when the requirement to pay VAT on all new cars bought in the North, and the extra VAT charge that applies if a vehicle was not properly imported from Britain to the North, took effect; the requirements that were in place prior to these requirements taking effect; the length of time required for a car to be in private ownership in the North where it is bought in the North for it not to be subject to VAT. — Pearse Doherty. [9722/24]

Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí, Seachadta ar an bPlean Forbartha Náisiúnta, agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform.

*34. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform if the Public Appointment Service will hold general civil service competitions for individuals with fluency in Irish at administrative officer and assistant principal officer level during Q2 in 2024. — Alan Kelly. [9537/24]

*35. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform the measures that are employed in the public procurement process to incentivise low or zero carbon construction and to discourage demolition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9562/24]

*36. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform to provide an update on any plans which the OPW has for a site in Dublin 9 (details supplied); if he will provide details of any discussions had relating to the future use of this site and the timescale for decisions in this regard. — Róisín Shortall. [9718/24]

Chun an Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta: To the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

*37. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is aware that Ireland imported €5.08 billion of goods from Israel in 2022 and €2.15 billion worth in 2021 (details supplied), yet in 2020, imports were only €138 million, which was par for the course on previous

years; what precipitated the jump in trade after 2020; and as a significant trading partner with Israel, what part is Ireland playing in terms of trade in the cessation of the horrific events in Palestine. — Paul Murphy. [9486/24]

*38. To ask the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason additional payments are now required for two Chinese nationals (details supplied) who have been working in Ireland for a number of years and currently have valid work permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9619/24]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*39. To ask the Minister for Education when final project approval will issue to a school (details supplied) in respect of its additional school accommodation application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [9408/24]

*40. To ask the Minister for Education if she can assist with an urgent request in respect of school transport (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [9428/24]

*41. To ask the Minister for Education when a child (details supplied) who has been approved for the special transport grant will be provided with school transport, in view that the child still has no transportation and urgently requires same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9432/24]

*42. To ask the Minister for Education to list each school that has applied for capital build funding from her Department in the past ten years, in tabular form (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9437/24]

*43. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais briseadh síos a thabhairt i bhfoirm tábla ar líon na múinteoirí a fuair liúntas Gaeltachta agus líon na múinteoirí a fuair liúntas Gaeloideachais, ag an mbunleibhéal agus an leibhéal iarbhunscoile, gach bliain don 5 bliain sular cuireadh deireadh leis an liúntas do mhúinteoirí nua sa bhliain 2012, agus an costas iomlán a bhí i gceist agus an ráta in aghaidh an mhúinteora, de réir an dá liúntas sna blianta úd. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9438/24]

*44. To ask the Minister for Education the current policy on the provision of language support hours or additional language teacher allocations in Irish medium and Gaeltacht schools for children whose first language is neither Irish nor English. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9439/24]

*45. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students at Irish medium and Gaeltacht schools whose first language is neither Irish nor English; and if her Department keep figures on the breakdown, by school. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9440/24]

*46. To ask the Minister for Education the steps her Department will take to ensure that a child (details supplied) will have an appropriate ASD school place in north Kildare for next September; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9445/24]

*47. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department can guarantee an SNA for each child who has been deemed to require one in an assessment of need, given the sharing of SNAs is causing concern to parents regarding the educational opportunity for their children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [9446/24]

*48. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider sanctioning an ASD class for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9488/24]

*49. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline her plans to further reduce the pupil-teacher ratio in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9567/24]

*50. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the progress of the proposed LMETB headquarters location (details supplied); to indicate if any funding request have been received to progress the plans to the next stage, if so when, can he also indicate when they expect any further progress to be made with targeted timelines provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9599/24]

*51. To ask the Minister for Education which part of the three limbs of the school profile takes specific account of children who can only access the curriculum with SET assistance, due to their complex, additional needs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9624/24]

*52. To ask the Minister for Education how a school profile which is directly correlated to, and focused on, pupils with the greatest level of need in the areas of literacy and numeracy will ensure that those with complex additional needs are identified and assisted from the outset of their education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9625/24]

*53. To ask the Minister for Education what is the “high quality, verifiable education data” that is being used as the basis for the new SET model; if she can publish that data; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9626/24]

*54. To ask the Minister for Education the reason data which was used by NCSE/Department of Education since 2017 from the HSE CDNT can no longer be routinely available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9627/24]

*55. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost that would be incurred by requiring all primary schools to conduct the Drumcondra test in Irish, as well as those already required for English and maths, above the current costs for Irish medium schools where it is already a requirement. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9647/24]

*56. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost that would be incurred by making an oral exam a required part of Junior Certificate Irish for all students. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9649/24]

*57. To ask the Minister for Education the current funding provided to teacher training colleges and the average funding provided per trainee per year. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9650/24]

*58. To ask the Minister for Education if supervision should be provided by the school for a child (details supplied) who arrives at school by bus at 8:50 and was told there would not be a teacher there until at least 9am; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9654/24]

*59. To ask the Minister for Education if an adult is permitted to resist a Junior Certificate mathematics exam; if there are supports available to a person to assist with the exam; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9676/24]

*60. To ask the Minister for Education if she can give an outline of various flags for schools programmes in secondary schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [9677/24]

*61. To ask the Minister for Education the locations of four new special schools announced in Q4 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9693/24]

Chun an Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán: To the Minister for Tourism, Culture; Arts; Gaeltacht; Sport and Media.

*62. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current members of the Irish Museum of Modern Art; and the Minister that appointed each member. — Alan Kelly. [9539/24]

*63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when applications will open for the sports capital grant funding in 2024. — Claire Kerrane. [9615/24]

*64. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when applications will open for the new round of the large-scale sport infrastructure fund in 2024. — Claire Kerrane. [9616/24]

*65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she plans to open new rounds of funding under the healthy Ireland GAA walking tracks initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9617/24]

*66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the two Government commissioned reports into RTÉ will be published; the reason the reports have been delayed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9653/24]

*67. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next call for applications for sports capital funding will be announced; if the funding thresholds will be increased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [9675/24]

Chun an Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreacht: To the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

*68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the exemption for local authorities from the part 8 own development approval process and from planning, for the provision of specified forms of housing developments on designated State lands, beyond the current deadline of 31 December 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [9485/24]

*69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce a grant scheme to support local authorities to bring wastewater treatment facilities up to standard in order they can take estates in charge and Uisce Éireann take the treatment facilities in charge. — Robert Troy. [9492/24]

*70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of funding requests his Department received from Tipperary County Council towards purchasing additional fire appliances in the years 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; of the funding requests received, the number that were approved per year in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9540/24]

*71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to the Dáil debate on Questions on Promised Legislation on 25 January 2024 (details supplied), the actions, if any, that will be taken in the context of the State apology by the Taoiseach on 9 July 2019. — Seán Canney. [9542/24]

*72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the technical guidance on building regulations will be updated to allow for timber frame high rise construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9559/24]

*73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will issue a quantifiable standard rate to measure both the embodied and operational carbon of buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [9561/24]

*74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when new planning guidelines for the short-term letting sector will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [9629/24]

*75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to recently naturalised Irish citizens being prevented from registering to vote due to delays in receiving their certificates of naturalisation; if he is concerned about this barrier to participation in the democratic process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [9640/24]

*76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to advise when the increased retainer for retained firefighters will be agreed and paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9646/24]

Chun an Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Social Protection.

*77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer annually to provide free travel for people with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [9403/24]

*78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to the Exchequer annually to abolish the means test for fish assist and farm assist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [9405/24]

*79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will meet with a group (details supplied) to discuss legacy issues in regard to pensions for employees at a company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9491/24]

*80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to indicate the correct level of carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9548/24]

*81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can expedite a maternity benefit application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9556/24]

*82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a case (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [9557/24]

*83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to outline the situation with relation to her Department's negotiations with the Irish Dental Council regarding payments for treatment benefit; if she is aware of dental practices increasing prices for patients availing of dental services through their PRSI benefits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [9641/24]

*84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department should accept some liability for the litany of bogus self-employment cases at RTÉ, given the knowledge of the prolonged practice by her Department; if her Department's role in handling the issue of bogus self-employment will be independently investigated, given the apparent scale and complexity of the matter, including a specific focus on the process and rationale surrounding the decision to reclassify test cases as sample cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9672/24]

*85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection for an update on the discussions between her Department and the Irish Dental Council in relation to the treatment benefit scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [9721/24]

Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt: To the Minister for Justice.

*86. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of arrivals (details supplied), giving details for each category, by month, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [9563/24]

*87. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to introduce legislation to prohibit sex-for-rent exploitation in 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [9415/24]

*88. To ask the Minister for Justice when Ireland will sign up to the European Union visa information system; and how many of the 27 Member States have signed up to date. — Robert Troy. [9416/24]

*89. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles that were confiscated by gardaí at the roadside for non-display of road tax in 2023; and the normal protocol for dealing with a driver with an out-of-date or non-display of motor tax disc. — John Lahart. [9462/24]

*90. To ask the Minister for Justice the avenues a person with a three-month visa who has arrived in Ireland from Gaza can now use to apply for citizenship in Ireland whose close family member holds a work visa permit in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9469/24]

*91. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda divisions currently without a crime prevention officer in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9534/24]

*92. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed by a person to obtain a visa (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9586/24]

Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

*93. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review an application for BISS (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9406/24]

*94. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 389 of 7 February 2024, the total amount approved for Rásaíocht Con Éireann to redevelop Shelbourne Park greyhound stadium; and the total amount of the grant sought by Rásaíocht Con Éireann towards development works at Kilkenny greyhound stadium. — Neasa Hourigan. [9484/24]

*95. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on his review of a proposed ‘buffer zone’ around turbary areas, given it was understood that areas in which turf is cut would be scored separately to areas overall, and in consideration of concerns about the impact the introduction of such a rule would have on ACRES payments for farmers in those areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9555/24]

*96. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dairy farmers and suckler farmers per county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [9668/24]

*97. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a statement will be provided of the 2023 BISS, CRISS, ANC and Eco payments to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; if an explanation will be provided on the reduction in direct payments in comparison to 2022 to the farmer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9674/24]

*98. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person and a compensation scheme for TB can be examined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9688/24]

Chun an Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige: To the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

*99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to examine if there has been any reduction in the numbers of applications for registration of enduring power of attorney (EPA) to the Decision Support Service since the commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 as amended on 26 April 2023, in view of concerns raised by the legal profession (details supplied); and to provide a breakdown, in tabular form, of the number applications for registration of EPA for each of the past five years to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [9543/24]

*100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will advise on how to establish a youth club/youth café in Kinnegad, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [9418/24]

*101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for details of all properties offered to his Department for accommodation for either beneficiaries of temporary protection or international protection applicants in Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9433/24]

*102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for details of all properties offered to this Department for accommodation for either beneficiaries of temporary protection or international protection applicants in Cahir, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9434/24]

*103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for details of all properties currently being assessed by his Department for accommodation for either beneficiaries of temporary protection or international protection applicants in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [9435/24]

*104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the terms of reference for the awarding of tender in the provision of accommodation for persons seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [9465/24]

*105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what avenues are available for a person (details supplied) to access missing information from their early life report which they recently received from Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [9487/24]

*106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if parents that avail of childminders will be able to access the national childcare scheme from September 2024; the engagement he has had with childminders; if he is optimistic that parents will be able to avail of the subsidy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9496/24]

*107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of HSE funded therapists that have been allocated to special schools in County Tipperary in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9531/24]

*108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if and when access to speech and language services will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9544/24]

*109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he could intervene in a case of a person who recently arrived from Ukraine (details supplied) and wishes to be reunited with her family, who are already in sponsored accommodation. — Peter Burke. [9549/24]

*110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the justification and rationale for payment of the role of safeguarding officer in St John Ambulance, and if this will be a mechanism available to other organisations in financial distress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [9584/24]

*111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the contract that was signed between his Department and the D Hotel in Drogheda to provide

accommodation services from March included any cooling off period in the contract in which one or both parties can examine, renegotiate or cancel the contract as agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9601/24]

*112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any contracts signed between his Department and providers of international protection accommodation services have been cancelled within a cooling off period over the years 2020 to date; if so how many; the reasons for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9603/24]

*113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will put the funding in place to enable the necessary renovation works to be carried out at a facility (details supplied) in order to make it safe for children, parents and teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9622/24]

*114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if, given there has been a reduction in the number of childcare facilities in the Churchfield area due to the closure of a facility (details supplied), the necessary funding would be provided to the new board of management to enable it to carry out the necessary work and for the centre to be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9623/24]

*115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the annual salary cost of employing a youth worker. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [9648/24]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*116. To ask the Minister for Health to examine a case (details provided) and to detail what procedures are in place to correct and assist the applicants in these circumstances. — James Lawless. [9596/24]

*117. To ask the Minister for Health to examine a case as regards a notification of intention to marry appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [9600/24]

*118. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure the required orthodontic care is provided to a person (details supplied) without further delay. — Robert Troy. [9402/24]

*119. To ask the Minister for Health the most up-to-date information regarding specialist bras and prosthesis available to women; the number of items they are sanctioned for; how often they are sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9410/24]

*120. To ask the Minister for Health to report on his engagements with the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board since 1 January 2023; the number of engagements; the types of engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9419/24]

*121. To ask the Minister for Health to report on his engagements with the chair of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board since 1 January 2023; the number of engagements; the types of engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9420/24]

*122. To ask the Minister for Health to report on his engagements with Children's Health Ireland since 1 January 2023; the number of engagements; the types of engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9421/24]

*123. To ask the Minister for Health to report on his engagements with the chair of the Board of Children's Health Ireland since 1 January 2023; the number of engagements; the types of engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9422/24]

*124. To ask the Minister for Health to report on his engagements with the chief executive officer of Children's Health Ireland since 1 January 2023; the number of engagements; the types of engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9423/24]

*125. To ask the Minister for Health to report on his engagements with the chair of the Board of the Health Service Executive in relation to children's health services since 1 January 2023; the number of engagements; the types of engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9424/24]

*126. To ask the Minister for Health if a capital allocation to construct the new 97-bed block at Wexford General Hospital, which has full planning permission, is included in this year's capital programme for the HSE; when he expects construction to begin on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [9426/24]

*127. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the understanding and managing adult ADHD programme was not chosen for funding by the HSE for 2024, and what supports he intends to provide to it in its place. — Patrick Costello. [9427/24]

*128. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 524 of 30 January 2024, the specific medications and dosages that are commonly prescribed by the National Gender Service for trans women seeking progesterone. — Patrick Costello. [9429/24]

*129. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 14 February 2024, which in particular of the over fifty references in the mentioned interim report are the relevant clinical studies. — Patrick Costello. [9430/24]

*130. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 317 of 14 February 2024, which specific autism supports are needed by the National Gender Service, and what issues the lack of same leads to. — Patrick Costello. [9431/24]

*131. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 336 of 8 February 2024, the time within which home support teams are obliged to respond to communications from those being provided with care; the notice they are obliged to provide to those in receipt of care should they be unable to meet agreed levels of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9441/24]

*132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in receipt of home care in County Monaghan; the number of people, and number of weeks, where the agreed level of support was not received in the years 2020 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [9442/24]

*133. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the date on which a decision on funding for this organisation will be taken, given the urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9443/24]

*134. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on his commitment to meet with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9447/24]

*135. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of whole-time equivalent staff working in the pricing and reimbursement system for medicines; the number in the HSE's corporate pharmaceutical unit; the number in the NCPE, the NCCP and the HSE's Medicines Management Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9448/24]

*136. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the Governance arrangements in place by his Department to ensure schedule 1 of the framework agreement with the pharmaceutical industry is complied with by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9450/24]

*137. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE's systems can extract spending on reimbursements in respect of orphan drugs; and if so, the amount spent in this respect in each year 2014-2023 inclusive, in tabular form. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9451/24]

*138. To ask the Minister for Health if he will supply data detailing the staffing breakdown of the National Rare Diseases Office, by grade and WTE rating; and the monetary allocation to and outturn spending of the NRDO for the period 2015–2023, in tabular form. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9452/24]

*139. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently waiting on obesity clinic appointments since 2019 to 2023; and the average waiting time to access services once a referral has been made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9454/24]

*140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on obesity clinic appointments, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9455/24]

*141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of obesity clinics operational in the health service; and the number of consultants specialising in this area. — Colm Burke. [9456/24]

*142. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the National Obesity Programme, given the impact obesity has on healthcare and health outcomes. — Colm Burke. [9457/24]

*143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bariatric surgeries carried out across Irish hospitals from 2019 to 2023, in tabular form. — Colm Burke. [9458/24]

*144. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants working within the clinical speciality of obesity and bariatric surgery across the health service. — Colm Burke. [9459/24]

*145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims under the TLI scheme have been made by people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes, respectively. — Emer Higgins. [9470/24]

*146. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to next review the long-term illness scheme with a view to expanding the list of illnesses. — Emer Higgins. [9471/24]

*147. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to open an accident and emergency department in Nenagh and or Ennis hospitals, given the terrible situation regarding access to University Hospital Limerick; and if not, his new plans to alleviate overcrowding in UHL. — Alan Kelly. [9472/24]

*148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient visits handled in total by Nenagh Hospital across all disciplines for the years 2016-2023 inclusive, providing total figures for each year, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9473/24]

*149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient visits handled by Ennis Hospital across all disciplines for the years 2016-2023 inclusive, providing total figures for each year, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9474/24]

*150. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient visits handled by St. John's Hospital Limerick across all disciplines for the years 2016-2023 inclusive, providing total figures for each year, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9475/24]

*151. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient visits handled by University Hospital Limerick across all disciplines for the years 2016-2023 inclusive, providing total figures for each year, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9476/24]

*152. To ask the Minister for Health when a reply will issue to correspondence regarding a supervised residential unit in Carndonagh (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [9490/24]

*153. To ask the Minister for Health if assurances can be given that a full discharge plan and community care plan will be put in place to immediately provide transitional services for a family (details supplied) upon the discharge of their children from hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [9494/24]

*154. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a primary health care centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9547/24]

*155. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment referral made in November 2023. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [9558/24]

*156. To ask the Minister for Health if he has given any consideration to bringing the homecare sector under the remit of HIQA, or a similar regulatory body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9564/24]

*157. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered reviewing the criteria for registered nurses who have qualified abroad to become approved for work by the Nursing and Midwifery Board Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [9565/24]

*158. To ask the Minister for Health what a person (details supplied) must do to satisfy work permit criteria in order to work as a healthcare assistant. — Denise Mitchell. [9566/24]

*159. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give urgent attention to a matter regarding staff at CUH (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [9573/24]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health to outline the level of expenditure on generic medicines and biosimilar medicines in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9574/24]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the €330 million spent on newly reimbursed medicines since 2021 by wholesaler costs, dispensing fees and commercial payments at a net level to pharmaceutical suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9575/24]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No, 142 of 18 January 2024, for an update on the development of the new elective hospital in Merlin Park; if stage 1 has concluded to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9576/24]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the promised surgical hub in Galway; to provide details on the project; the timeline for when the surgical hub will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9577/24]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No, 1922 of 11 September 2023, the status of the proposed primary care centre for Galway City West; the expected timeline for the delivery of the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9578/24]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No, 1279 of 11 July 2023, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; the status of the land transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9579/24]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health to review a case (details supplied); if this child can be seen within the public dental system to rectify this issue; how this parent goes about same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9602/24]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health to give a breakdown of public health nurses by year 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 in Dublin South City (details supplied) with details on each health centre they are assigned to, and the areas they each cover to further detail how many public health nurse roles are unfilled in each district either through people leaving or temporarily due to career break or maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9604/24]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 600 of 13 February 2024, if he expects an interim report into spinal surgeries at Temple Street Children's Hospital to be published in the coming weeks, as previously committed to; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9606/24]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposal to allow community pharmacists to dispense prescription-free oral contraceptives will be considered by the Women's Health

Taskforce as part of the Women's Health Action Plan 2024-2025; the timeline for publication of the updated plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9607/24]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his Department's review of the pharmacy fee structure under section 42(14) of the Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9608/24]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the total allocations for the chronic disease management programme since its establishment. — Colm Burke. [9610/24]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently being treated through the chronic disease management programme. — Colm Burke. [9611/24]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs contracted to work through the chronic disease management programme. — Colm Burke. [9612/24]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses contracted to work through the chronic disease management programme. — Colm Burke. [9613/24]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health if he would consider including other conditions to the chronic disease management programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9614/24]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health if orthodontic treatments (details supplied) can be funded through the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme for a minor. — Robert Troy. [9621/24]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of any new dental patients who are medical card holders finding it difficult to locate a dentist in the Cork area who will accept them as patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9628/24]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on the waiting list for long term stay in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9630/24]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9631/24]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health what the long term stay capacity will be post refurbishment in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9632/24]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting on a respite bed in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9633/24]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health if respite beds have been reinstated after refurbishment in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9634/24]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of long-term stay beds to be retained after refurbishment in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9635/24]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the development of the Finglas primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [9642/24]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his plans to extend the special scheme of paid leave for healthcare workers suffering from long Covid; if he intends to extend or replace this scheme before it is due to end in March 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [9644/24]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for a respite bed in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9667/24]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme will not be funded in 2024. — Thomas Gould. [9670/24]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients seen in SouthDoc, Blackpool in January 2024, January 2023 and January 2022, respectively, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [9673/24]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the action taken by his Department to assist in the delivery of a new dental hospital for Cork in view of the fact that the current facility does not have the capacity to deliver the services required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9689/24]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position in respect of the delivery of a primary care centre for the Blarney area, in view of the fact that there has been a substantial increase in the population in the past 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9690/24]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position in respect of the delivery of a primary care centre for the Glanmire area in view of the fact that there has been a substantial increase in the population in the past 15 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9691/24]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) who was urgently referred to St. Finbarr's Dental Hospital, Cork by St. Mary's Orthopaedic in December 2023 will receive an appointment with this service in view of the fact that it was marked an urgent case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9694/24]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are being taken to ensure that home supports can be put in place for people currently waitlisted for these services in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9703/24]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health if HSE staff returning from career breaks are prevented from returning to work due to the recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9705/24]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff on a career break, by staff group. — Róisín Shortall. [9706/24]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 49 recommendations from the Mental Health Commission's final report on CAMHS; if he intends to implement the recommendations in full; if so, the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9707/24]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will act on the first recommendation of the Mental Health Commission's final report on CAMHS which calls for the immediate and independent regulation of CAMHS by the Mental Health Commission; if he intends to provide for this regulation in the new Mental Health Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [9708/24]

Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

*198. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he can comment or advise on the best route for intellectual disability students in Dundalk Institute of Technology under St John of God Hospital (details supplied) who have been faced with serious placement obstacles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9546/24]

*199. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views with regard to the new National Training Fund (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [9620/24]

*200. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on the independent evaluation of the specialist training provision carried out by SOLAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9651/24]

*201. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will agree to ensuring that a threshold of core funding is put in place to enable supported training organisations such as the National Learning Network to carry out their vital role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9652/24]

*202. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on capital investment projects in the ATU Mayo campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9736/24]

*203. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science for an update on measures to improve the backlogs in craft apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9737/24]

Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

*204. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an organisation's application (details supplied) to Pobal for funding for an additional full-time worker; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9425/24]

*205. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a decision on an application to progress to phase 3 of upgrades to properties (details supplied) will be made, and if he will account for continued delays in this decision. — Thomas Gould. [9436/24]

*206. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if emergency grant funding is available to an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [9453/24]

*207. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the names of external cleaning companies that provide cleaning services to her Department in 2023 and to date in 2024 and the amount paid to each company for such works in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [9538/24]

*208. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is aware that the lift in the recently opened library in Portlaoise is not suitable for most wheelchair users; if she is also aware that the chief executive officer of Laois County Council has effectively stated that no further consideration is to be given to this serious oversight; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [9656/24]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
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Chun an Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige: To the Minister for Children, Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth.

1. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide further details on the €18 million capital funding announced recently with the precondition that providers agree to a predefined fee cap; what supports will be available for services to encourage them to apply, given the high number of services that applied and were not successful in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9497/24]

2. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the capital plan for the respite centre in Cavan, which will cater for children, has been launched; the timeframe for the delivery of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9734/24]

3. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO5 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO5 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO5 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO5 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [9525/24]

4. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is aware of an increase in providers leaving the core funding model; the steps his Department is taking on this issue; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this move equates to higher charges for parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9520/24]

5. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the new youth employability funding scheme will be announced; how much has been set aside; the application criteria; when he expects to announce recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [9194/24]

6. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the delivery of the children's disability network team in Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9028/24]

7. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO6 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO6 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO6 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO6 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9526/24]

8. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied that the rights of the child are fully recognised in accordance with the people's decision in a referendum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9588/24]

9. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of asylum seekers that have not been provided with accommodation by his Department; when he expects that accommodation will be provided for all asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9512/24]

10. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO8 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO8 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO8 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO8 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [9528/24]

11. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 526 of 23 January 2024, when the mother and baby institutions redress scheme will be open for applications; the timeline for when payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9501/24]

12. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the autism innovation strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [8383/24]

13. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the need to review the funding streams for family resource centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9663/24]

14. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department's priorities for 2024 with regard to the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024 – 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [8384/24]

15. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects to publish the revised White Paper on ending direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [9686/24]

16. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth with anecdotal evidence of a 60% vacancy rate in Cavan Children's Disability Network Team (CDNT), if he will give a update on the vacancy rate within both Cavan and Monaghan CDNT's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9735/24]

17. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for his failure to respond to multiple emails from this Deputy requesting details on all sites to accommodate people seeking temporary international protection in south Kildare, to include those currently in process, or being considered for such sites, and the number planned to be accommodated at same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9739/24]

18. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Optional Protocol for the UN Convention on the Rights of People With Disabilities will be ratified within the term of this Government; if so, when it will be ratified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9518/24]

19. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he report on the remit and progress of the new Childcare Development Agency; how it will integrate the work of county childcare committees; and the new planned capital budgets for Childcare Development. — Richard Bruton. [9732/24]

20. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the financial allocation in 2024 for youth services; if this funding will enable the roll out of additional services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9727/24]

21. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to report on respite for children and adults with disabilities in County Meath; if he will provide an update on plans to increase respite for children and adults with disabilities in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9569/24]

22. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he is satisfied that adequate protection is available to children, nationals and non-nationals; if Tusla has adequate powers to fulfil its role in all such situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9587/24]

23. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO9 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO9 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO9 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO9 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [9529/24]

24. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has had any engagement with Icelandic planet youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9572/24]

25. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for an update on the building blocks improvement grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9027/24]

26. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline the process and considerations his Department give when an offer of accommodation for asylum seekers is made to his Department prior to a decision to progress such offers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9709/24]

27. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the impact of the recruitment embargo on children's disability services in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [9638/24]

28. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current capacity of respite care in County Cork for children with disabilities; the current shortfall on providing the respite service for children with disabilities for County Cork; what measures are being taken to increase the current capacity to meet the demands identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9697/24]

29. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the exact date of the opening of the mother and baby institutions payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9498/24]

30. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is aware of the Icelandic planet youth model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9571/24]

31. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a plan to expand entitlements to flexible working and remote working contained in the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2023 to all employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [9175/24]

32. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount by which investment in early years has increased year-on-year in percentage terms in the past eight years; if he will indicate the domestic and/or international indicators which demonstrate this improvement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [9183/24]

33. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on childcare services in County Meath; the number of childcare places available in the county; the length of the average waiting list; to report on any planned measures to increase these places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9570/24]

34. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he and his Department have mapped the existence of youth-focused community projects and staff across the state; if he is aware of gaps in coverage or large and populous areas without or with inadequately resourced projects and how do they intend to resolve this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [4038/24]

35. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is concerned that the extension of payments under the accommodation recognition grant for a further year without changes risks interference with the private rental market, with negative consequences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9725/24]

36. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered having a full-time youth worker in Youghal, County Cork, considering the number of IPAS refugees in the area, following a meeting with local community groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [9660/24]

37. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new appointments that have been made to the children's disability network teams (details supplied) services in counties Cavan and Monaghan since January 2022, given the very high vacancy rate within the service. — Niamh Smyth. [1940/24]

38. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene to encourage parties involved in ELC and SAC pay talks back to the table with a view to ensuring staff can be paid the next pay increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9500/24]

39. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role his Department has taken in supporting young people who have been impacted by the consequences of Covid-19 lockdowns. — Thomas Gould. [9639/24]

40. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1070 of 7 November 2023, the status of the review of the project timelines for the implementation of the White Paper to end direct provision and establish a new international protection support service; if the review has been completed to-date; the timeline for the publication of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9502/24]

41. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what discussions he has had with the Department of Finance regarding how changes to taxation could reduce the cost of childcare for families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9729/24]

42. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for his failure to respond properly and fully to multiple emails and phone calls regarding the installation of facilities to house people seeking temporary international protection at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9738/24]

43. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total financial allocation from his Department in 2023 for youth services; if any new services were established during the course of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9726/24]

44. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding the details of the Equal Participation Model for Early Years which was announced to be funded as part of Budget 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [9176/24]

45. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase childcare places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [9519/24]

46. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the proposed national centre for research and remembrance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [9191/24]

47. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that older applicants for the mother and baby institutions payment scheme are prioritised when the scheme opens as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [9190/24]

48. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will discuss the issues faced by service users with respect to agencies who contracted to deliver their PA hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9593/24]

49. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth what therapy and intervention supports are available to children who are unable to access these supports through the public disability network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9583/24]

50. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO4 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO4 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO4 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO4 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9524/24]

51. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on Ireland's progress in ratifying the Optional Protocol of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9594/24]

52. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on what further assistance the State can give to families towards the cost of childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9728/24]

53. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to include additional institutions in the schedule of the Birth Information and Tracing Act, 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [9195/24]

54. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to report on his Department's dealings with residents in an IPAS centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [9664/24]

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the current discussions within his Department in respect of the dual use proposal for accommodation services within a hotel (details supplied) in Drogheda considering it is the only remaining hotel of scale in the town of Drogheda, the largest town in the country. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9523/24]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO3 in 2023; the number of persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO3 in 2023; the

total number of hours provided in each category in CHO3 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO3 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [9522/24]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to reduce the weekly payment to existing beneficiaries of temporary protection at any point in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [9712/24]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will establish a publicly owned childcare service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9514/24]

59. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the recently released data on vacancy rates and waiting lists for early learning and childcare and school aged services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [9499/24]

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the current discussions within his Department with regard to the long term plans to deal for dealing with those arriving in the country seeking protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [9551/24]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children currently in State care in special emergency accommodation; the number of whom are unaccompanied minors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [8788/24]

62. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that asylum seekers who have not been provided with accommodation are protected from attack by far right and racist people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9510/24]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the methods in place for ensuring that new international protection centres are supported with necessary services and activities so that integration into the community is facilitated. — Richard Bruton. [9733/24]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide an update on the ongoing situation with an organisation (details supplied) that has stated that it will transfer care services to the HSE by August 2024; the interactions that have happened between his Department and other Government Departments about the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9352/24]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to his debate in Dáil Éireann with this Deputy, if he has considered making an apology on behalf of the State to a person (details supplied) after they received an apology from Tusla regarding how they and their family were treated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9702/24]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons with disabilities that received home support hours in CHO7 in 2023; the number of

persons with disabilities in 2023 that received personal assistance hours in CHO7 in 2023; the total number of hours provided in each category in CHO7 in 2023; the target number of hours for each category in CHO7 in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9527/24]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to report on measures his Department will take to improve access to public transport for the residents at an IPAS centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [9665/24]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the investment and enhancement in respite services for people with disabilities in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [9517/24]

69. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department is evolving strategies to divert the flow of older patients from accident and emergency departments into more suitable pathways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [9730/24]

70. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to improve the recruitment for all grades involved in CAMHS in order that fully resourced teams can be in place across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9414/24]

71. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reinstate an accident and emergency department at Ennis Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9591/24]

72. To ask the Minister for Health if the new drug veoza can be made available on the drugs payment scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9695/24]

73. To ask the Minister for Health how many psychologists are employed by CAMHs in the Meath area; how many psychologists are working in CAMHS in the Meath area; the size of the waiting list for access to CAMHs services in the Meath area; the average time waiting to secure an appointment with a psychologist in the Meath area; the average waiting time too access CAMHS services in the Meath area in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [9553/24]

74. To ask the Minister for Health if he will grant funding for a satellite haemodialysis unit at Ennis Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [9592/24]

75. To ask the Minister for Health what assistance can be given to a person who is living in full time care in a nursing home, registered disabled, non-verbal, and no family assistance and requires transport for various treatment at different hospitals; who is responsible for transport costs to and from medical appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [9701/24]

76. To ask the Minister for Health whether his Department has mapped out a pathway for the role technology can play in keeping patients healthy and in the planned statutory homecare scheme; and the status of the planned roll-out of the planned actions. — Richard Bruton. [9731/24]

77. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to increase the number of operational inpatient CAMHS beds from 52 currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9505/24]

78. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he and his Department are taking to ensure greater utilisation of technology for the provision of health care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9662/24]

79. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the measures being implemented to increase the number of GPs practicing in rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9717/24]

80. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of the use in certain retail outlets of text only, large, colourful and attention-grabbing posters which are used to highlight a select number of tobacco products for sale; if he has examined whether such posters are contrary to regulations and standards; if he has sought an update on enforcement where this is the case; if he will address through regulation this issue which allows for the use of these attention-grabbing price lists for tobacco products in retail stores; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9683/24]

81. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the shortage of GPs in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9369/24]

82. To ask the Minister for Health if health service workers returning from career breaks will be able to return to work as agreed and not be impacted by the current HSE recruitment freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9478/24]

83. To ask the Minister for Health to clarify the ownership of a nursing home (details supplied); if it remains in the ownership of the State in the form of the HSE; if there are plans to dispose of it; if local people can continue to enjoy historical rights-of-way over parts of the land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9377/24]

84. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being implemented to recruit and retain more GPs in rural practices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [9716/24]

85. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the advanced paramedic roster put in place in County Roscommon after the closure of the accident and emergency unit is restored in full; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9148/24]

86. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on reviews into serious patient safety incidents at University Hospital Limerick's emergency department; the number of such incidents; his plans to deliver safe capacity at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9682/24]

87. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has conducted a consultation with stakeholders on the policy topic incentives of the EU's General Pharmaceutical legislation; the findings of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9719/24]

88. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the neurology/epilepsy nursing phone support service at CHI Crumlin has been curtailed to one hour a day, three days a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [7778/24]

89. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on Macroom day care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [9696/24]

90. To ask the Minister for Health if he will supply data for the ten fastest and ten slowest approvals of orphan drugs by the HSE, by year, for the period 2014 to 2023, stating the date on which the applications for said drugs were received by the HSE and the date on which a reimbursement decision was subsequently made, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [9461/24]

91. To ask the Minister for Health the measures his Department will take to help tackle issues at University Hospital Limerick and the knock-on effect on public health in the midwest region. — Cathal Crowe. [9347/24]

92. To ask the Minister for Health the current breakdown of all staffing types at West Kerry Community Hospital; what net recruitment progress has been made in each category each year since 2019; the current bed compliment; the breakdown of bed types; how many people are currently waiting for a bed in the hospital; what recruitment efforts are being made for each category of staff, including healthcare assistants and nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9581/24]

93. To ask the Minister for Health whether he is aware of a reduction in service in SouthDoc, Blackpool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [9637/24]

94. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the National Ambulance Service is no longer training advanced paramedics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [9147/24]

95. To ask the Minister for Health the expected final cost of the National Children’s Hospital; and whether it will meet the deadline for completion. — Brian Stanley. [8119/24]

96. To ask the Minister for Health the work his Department is conducting to tackle, mitigate and adapt to the impact of climate change on the health sector; to report on any delayed actions that his Department is leading on as part of the climate action plan 2023; what proportion are complete and what proportion are delayed; if any are still outstanding from the 2021 climate action plan; the expected timeline for delivery for all delayed actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [9554/24]

97. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of a recent ESRI report that found there is an immediate 1,000 bed deficit across public hospitals and an additional 330 beds are required each year for the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9503/24]

98. To ask the Minister for Health for an update the movement of elderly residents out of the willow and sycamore units in Cherry Orchard Hospital; if he will provide a progress report on works carried out at the units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9582/24]

99. To ask the Minister for Health following the steps his Department will take on the recommendations of the Health Research Board's clinical review of the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9507/24]

100. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the proposed changes to the funding model for post-mastectomy products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [9368/24]

101. To ask the Minister for Health the State's position with respect to the EU revision of pharmaceutical legislation ahead of EU Parliamentary Committee votes expected in March 2024; if he supports proposals to reduce regulatory data protection for manufacturers; the impact that such a reduction will have on patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [9568/24]

102. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years who are on NTPF treatment waiting lists; and the number of these who are waiting for over 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9504/24]

103. To ask the Minister for Health the number of reductions of attendances in emergency departments in each public and voluntary hospital in 2023 relative to 2022 following on from his positive statement of a 20% reduction in ED attendances overall in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [9550/24]

104. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an action plan to address CAHMS waiting lists in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9481/24]

105. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the planned developments at Belmullet and Ballina District Hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [9700/24]

106. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the establishment of a dedicated intestinal failure unit in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [9482/24]

107. To ask the Minister for Health what measures are in place to increase the number of home care providers and home help professionals in community healthcare networks versus the level of demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9723/24]

108. To ask the Minister for Health his Department's plans for the role out of the community paramedics position within the Ambulance Service; the impact they can make on casualty admissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9412/24]

109. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for lengthy waiting times for MRI scans at Temple Street Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9715/24]

110. To ask the Minister for Health what progress has been made in the delivery of the new surgical hub for Cork University Hospital; the up-to-date position with regard to the new elective hospital in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9699/24]

111. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's position in respect of the European Union's revision of pharmaceutical legislation, given that EU Parliamentary Committee votes

are expected in March 2024; if he supports proposals to reduce regulatory data protection for manufacturers; the impact that such a reduction will have on patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [8933/24]

112. To ask the Minister for Health if RSV vaccines will be available to sections of the population this winter; if so, how such a vaccination programme will be rolled out; how the vaccines will be procured in light of the State's experience of the pandemic vaccine procurement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [9376/24]

113. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the issue of the GP service in Swanlinbar, County Cavan; if the HSE has agreed to meet with the residents to discuss potential solutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [9714/24]

114. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend on agency staff in the HSE in 2022 and 2023 in CHO8. — Brian Stanley. [8118/24]

115. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1860 of 17 January 2024, if his Department has concluded its review of the SAR/PBC for the new emergency department, women and children's block at University Hospital Galway; the expected timeline for it to proceed to pre-tender stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9509/24]

116. To ask the Minister for Health about the record number of patients being treated on hospital trolleys at University Hospital Limerick, and the immediate, medium- and long-term steps being taken to address this crisis. — Maurice Quinlivan. [7905/24]

117. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in relation to non-elective surgeries in University Hospital Kerry; when such surgeries ceased; when they will re-commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [9580/24]

118. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progression and timeline for the appointment of the members of the commission on care for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9516/24]

119. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the 49 recommendations made by the Mental Health Commission in their report on CAMHS, and how many of these recommendations have been addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9684/24]

120. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide assurances that vital services such as physiotherapy and occupational therapy service, and current bed numbers, will remain at Saint Joseph's Community Hospital in Donegal in the long term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [9710/24]

121. To ask the Minister for Health the progress throughout the hospital building programme including, Naas Hospital and all others throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9590/24]

122. To ask the Minister for Health to provide an action plan for the increasing of staffing and resources for community disability network teams in order to tackle waiting lists and provide services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9479/24]

123. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he and his Department have in place to address the severe shortage of GPs in the south Kildare area, to address the fact that there is an almost two week wait to obtain a GP appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [9740/24]

124. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's position in respect of the European Union's revision of pharmaceutical legislation given that EU Parliamentary Committee votes are expected in March 2024; if he supports proposals to reduce regulatory data protection for manufacturers; to outline the impact that such a reduction will have on patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [9698/24]

125. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the re-commencement of construction at Ballyhaunis Primary Care Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [9724/24]

126. To ask the Minister for Health when a health facility (details supplied) will be fully operational and construction works complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [9666/24]

127. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects an inquiry into the national Covid response to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [9515/24]

128. To ask the Minister for Health what steps are being taken to increase the number of GPs available in the country; if all options are being taken to recruit from abroad to fill the gap in service; how the increase in population has increased the demand for services as well; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [9413/24]

129. To ask the Minister for Health if he will look at finding a new location for an ambulance base for Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [9661/24]

130. To ask the Minister for Health to outline any provisions that ensure that people have dentists in their locality that accept medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9480/24]

131. To ask the Minister for Health the latest details of a capital project (detail supplied) from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [9657/24]

132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant orthopaedic surgeons in the State and on the island who are sufficiently qualified and skilled to undertake kyphectomies; if he has examined treatment abroad options for children requiring kyphectomies; his plans to address service deficits in this area; if he has sought for the Health Service Executive or Children's Health Ireland to undertake an international search to recruit an additional consultant capable of delivering such a service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9681/24]

133. To ask the Minister for Health the level of expenditure by the HSE on orphan medicines in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [9460/24]

134. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date on seeking alternative accommodation on the campus of Cherry Orchard Hospital for the remaining patients who are presently residing

at the willow/sycamore units on the COH campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [9506/24]

135. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the health authorities continue to and have identified any or all weaknesses in the delivery of all health services throughout the country in terms of the availability of GPs, adequate hospital consultants, research facilities, and the establishment of a good practice code at all accident and emergency departments throughout the country; the extent to which any shortcomings have been identified and a resolution proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [9589/24]

136. To ask the Minister for Health the current stage of the elective hospital in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [9636/24]

137. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase access to rural GP and local health care services; to report on his engagements with his Department and Health Service Executive officials and an organisation (details supplied) regarding the development of a directly employed GP contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [9680/24]

138. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the 49 recommendations made by the Mental Health Commission in its report on CAMHS; how many of these recommendations have been addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [9605/24]

139. To ask the Minister for Health for an update on filling the position of a dietician at Swords Health Centre that is currently vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [9477/24]

140. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 146 of 31 January 2024, for an update on his engagement with persons with intellectual disability and their representative groups, with regard to the availability of dental services for persons with disabilities who are medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [9508/24]